

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Oswaldo da Costa e Silva et al. CONF. NO.: 8334  
APPLICATION NO.: 10/764,259 GROUP: 1638  
FILING DATE: January 30, 2004 EXAMINER: COLLINS,Cynthia  
TITLE: **Phosphatase Stress-Related Proteins and Methods of Use in Plants**

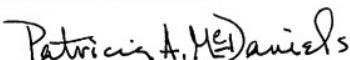
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition that the time for responding to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 15, 2006 be extended for a period of 3 months, resetting the due date to August 15, 2006. Authorization is hereby given to charge the extension fee of \$1,020, and any other fee that may be due with regard to this submission, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 02-1197.

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